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SUBJ: 63RD ECOSOC: ITEM 3 - REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH

1. REACTIONS TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S SPEECH IN THE GENERAL DEBATE WERE ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION POSITIVE, PARTICULARLY ON THE CHANGE IN US ATTITUDE ON THE CONCEPT OF A NIEO AS DISTINGUISHED FROM OUR POSITION ON THE SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION RESOLUTION. NORWAY CALLED ITSELF "ENCOURAGED" BY THE TONE, BUT PARTICULARLY BY US SUPPORT FOR THE COMMON FUND. HOWEVER, IT WAS ALONE IN DEALING WITH A PARTICULAR ISSUED. MOST OTHER REFERENCES, INCLUDING THOSE OF PAKISTAN, GREECE, JAMAICA, AND LIBERIA COMPLIMENTED THE "TONE OR CHANGES IN ATTITUDE AND STYLE." ARGENTINA STOOD ALONE IN "REGRET THAT ONE DELEGATION IN PARTICULAR HAD REAFFIRMED ITS RESERVATIONS ON THE NIEO." WHILE REMARKS OF APPRECIATION FOR CHANGES IN STYLE AND ATTITUDE ON BEHALF OF THE US WERE ALMOST INVARIABLY ACCOMPANIED BY HOPES AND/OR DEMANDS THAT THEY BE TRANSLATED INTO CONCRETE POLICY, THE REACTION CAN GENERALLY BE CONSIDERED OVERWHELMINGLY POSITIVE.

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2. PRIVATE COMMENTS OF DELEGATES WERE LIKEWISE FAVORABLE, AND CENTERED ON OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. FOR EXAMPLE, AMBASSADOR CASTELLANOS OF VENEZUELA (GENEVA PERMREP) FELT THE STATEMENT TO BE A VERY FUNDAMENTAL SHIFT IN US ATTITUDE TOWARD THE ASPIRATION OF THE LDCS, WHILE RECOGNIZING THE US HAD NOT BASICALLY REMOVED ANY OF ITS OBJECTIONS TO SOME OF THE INDIVIDUAL PARTS OF THE NIEO PLAN OF ACTION AND DECLARATION.

HE FELT IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT SYMBOLIC SHIFT IN POSITION. APPIAH PATHMARAJAH, FORMER SRI LANKAN AMBASSADOR AND NOW UNIDO LIAISON OFFICER IN GENEVA, ECHOED THE EXPRESSION OF AMBASSADOR CASTELLANOS. MOKHTAR, COUNSELOR OF THE EGYPTIAN MISSION HERE, WAS VERY POSITIVE ON THE SPEECH, AND DELEGATES FROM SEVERAL WEO COUNTRIES -- FRANCE, CANADA, AUSTRIA, PORTUGAL -- EXPRESSED APPROVAL OF OUR MORE FORTHCOMING LANGUAGE.

3. ONE THEME WHICH PROVOKED SOME EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY MANY OF THE G-77 BETTER-OFF COUNTRIES IS THAT THE CURRENT STRONG EMPHASIS BY THE MAJOR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE SYG ON THE CONCEPT OF "BASIC NEEDS" IS IN REALITY A DEVERSIONARY TACTIC AWAY FROM THEIR VISION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. SOME OF THE MIDDLE-CLASS COUNTRIES TEND TO FEEL THAT IT COULD WELL BE AN EFFORT TO SPLIT THE G-77 BY PLACING ALL OUR EGGS IN THE "RICE BOWL", WHILE IGNORING THEIR NEEDS EXPRESSED IN TERMS OF MARKET ACCESS, PREFERENCE MARGINS, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND THE MORE TRADITIONAL FORMS OF ASSISTANCE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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